



City of Carthage, Missouri

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

March 13, 2023 - 5:30 PM
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Snow, Ceri Otero, Mark Elliff, David Armstrong

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS:

STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator Greg Dagnan, Assistant City Administrator Traci Cox, and Deputy City Clerk Courtney Walker

Chairman Snow called the meeting to order at 05:30 PM.

2. Old Business

1. Approval of February 13, 2023 Minutes

ACTION: Motion to accept/approve item 2.1. by Mark Elliff
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Alan Snow, Ceri Otero, Mark Elliff, David Armstrong

3. Citizens Participation

(Citizens wishing to speak should notify Department Head or Committee Chair in advance)

4. New Business

1. Consider and Discuss LEST Grant

Ms. Cox explained that the Police Department applied for the LEST Grant and were awarded a total of \$19,580 to be used for ODET, software and rifle replacements.

ACTION: Motion to accept the LEST Grant by Mark Elliff
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Alan Snow, Ceri Otero, Mark Elliff, David Armstrong

2. Consider and Discuss paying off Police Vehicle Lease

Ms. Cox explained that the lease expires in January 2025 and has a remaining balance of approximately \$188,000 with a 1.95% interest rate. Ms. Cox also reminded council members that ARPA funds were allocated to pay off the loan.

ACTION: Motion to pay off the remainder of the lease by David Armstrong
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Alan Snow, Ceri Otero, Mark Elliff, David Armstrong

3. Consider and Discuss educational material for marijuana sales tax ballot issue
Mr. Dagnan explained that Ms. Fields reviewed several educational initiatives on the marijuana sales tax issue and was able to build an educational initiative specifically for the City of Carthage. Mr. Rife and administrative staff reviewed the plan. Ms. Fields will use social media and the City of Carthage's web page to advertise the educational materials to the public.

ACTION: Motion to approve using the material for educational purposes for the marijuana sales tax for the April ballot by Ceri Otero

Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Alan Snow, Ceri Otero, Mark Elliff, David Armstrong

4. Staff Reports

Ms. Cox reported that sales tax revenues were up, use tax exceeded projections and she has invested \$1,000,000 at Community National Bank. She also reported that we had received the surtax for approximately \$365,000 and general revenue funds from the tax were up from last year. In addition, she received the quote for the general liability insurance renewal with a 20% increase. She is currently discussing options with our insurance broker, but industry standards are reporting an increase of 30-50% in insurance rates.

Mr. Dagnan reported the sales tax month to month comparisons and discussed reviewing totals by fiscal year versus calendar year. He also reported that contracts were still being negotiated for Carthage Humane Society, the pool, Chamber of Commerce and Vision Carthage. Mr. Dagnan also reported that a company had checked the pool and discovered a potential leak and that someone would be out to give cost estimates for repair.

5. Correspondence

5. Adjournment

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm by Mark Elliff
Motion passed with a 4:0

AYES: Alan Snow, Ceri Otero, Mark Elliff, David Armstrong

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None